

OCCOLD PRIMARY SCHOOL

May 2026
Newsletter



Diary Dates



Monday 1st & Tuesday 2nd June

Year 5 & 6 Bikeability

Thursday 4th June

Mr Peck visiting Year 6s for Hartismere transition

Wednesday 10th June

Foxes to Buddhist Centre

Year R & 1 theatre workshop

Year R, 1 & 2 watching show in school (pm)

Tuesday 16th June

Athletics competition - Y1&2 (am) and Y3&4 (pm)

Friday 19th June

Sports Day (1:30pm start) & Friends Summer Fete

Wednesday 24th June

Year 6 Hartismere transition day 1

Thursday 25th June

Year 6 Hartismere transition day 2

New Reception intake in & 'Move Up' morning

Monday 29th June

Whole school to Hautbois Activity Centre

Wednesday 1st July

Rabbit Class to Bressingham Steam Museum

Monday 6th July

New Reception intake in (am)

Tuesday 7th July

Year 5 Hartismere transition afternoon

Wednesday 15th July

Summer production pm & eve performances (times tbc)

Friday 17th July

End of year assembly in village hall - 2pm start

A message from Miss Thornton

I hope you've all had a lovely, sunny May half term. We are really looking forward to the last 7 weeks of this academic year. Where has the time gone?

As you can see, there is lots planned for this last half term, with various trips and sporting activities already in the diary. We are also looking forward to welcoming our new reception children into school on two occasions. Year 6 will have the opportunity to spend time in their new high schools towards the end of the month too. If your child is moving classes in September, they will have a taste of this during our 'Move up Morning' in school on Thursday 25th June.

As always, should you have any questions about anything coming up this half term, please do not hesitate to ask a member of staff for more details.



Hot weather

Please ensure your child brings the following items to school each day this half term:

- a labelled water bottle
- a labelled sun hat
- sun cream (if required) - please apply this in the morning, but your child is welcome to reapply in school



Make it Happen May

Thank you to the Friends of Occold Primary School for organising 'Make it Happy May'.

It was wonderful to see the children designing, making and selling products alongside Tuck Shop at the end of term. There was shortbread, cakes, key rings, origami creations, greetings cards, drawings and much more! We know a few children have also been busy running stalls during half term. Thank you to those of you who supported the children by buying some of their marvellous products.

We can't wait to find out how much we've raised!



Breakfast Club

We offer Breakfast Club from 7:45am each day. In addition to this, we are still offering our government funded free breakfast club from 8:15am each day.

Please note, if you child is coming to our 8:15 breakfast club, please ensure they arrive **no earlier than 8:15am**. If your child requires breakfast, please ensure they arrive by 8:25 to allow them enough time to eat it before the start of the school day at 8:45.



After School Club

We offer After School Club daily from 3:15 - 4:15pm. Please book your child into club via Arbor.

If there are any last minute changes on the day, for example if your child now needs to attend club, no longer needs to attend club, or if a different adult is collecting your child, please telephone or email the school to inform us of this ASAP.

Book Fest 2026 was a great success!



Our annual Book Festival was a fantastic success and a wonderful way to end the half term.

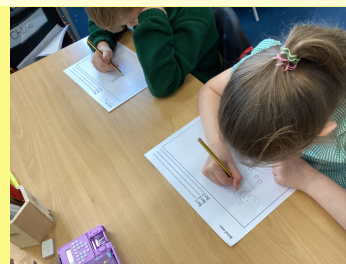
Over the three days, the children enjoyed visits from authors and illustrators Matt Robertson and Julia Groves, who shared their books and led exciting illustration, craft and book-making workshops across the school.

The children also took part in a range of reading activities, including our older children sharing stories with the younger children, having a go at some Book Speed Dating, enjoying a toast and book tasting session as well as making their own picture books.

We were delighted to welcome Erin from Suffolk Libraries into school on Friday, who introduced the children to newly released books and this summer's Reading Quest.

The week concluded with our annual Book Mastermind Competition in the village hall. Well done to Emilia and Elliot for winning and the rest of the competitors who took part.

Thank you to everyone who joined us for Diss Publishing's visit, the Friends' Tuck Shop and our Book Mastermind Competition. It was a brilliant celebration of reading, creativity and a love of books!



Police Visit

We really enjoyed having PCSO Hassler visiting our school recently.

He started his morning in Rabbit Class where the children learned about the police's role in our community and how police help to keep people safe. Rabbits enjoyed having the chance to sit in his police car and try on his uniform!

Otters had great discussions about staying safe online when using the internet responsibly. Foxes also discussed online safety, as well as cyber bullying and now being at the age of criminal responsibility.



Mini Medics

Children in Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 enjoyed a visit from the team at Mini Medics who taught the children all about providing basic First Aid including:

- How to stay calm and get help in an emergency
 - Calling the emergency services
 - Checking if someone is responsive and breathing
 - The recovery position
 - What to do if someone is unconscious
- ...and much more!

